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Remarks

Recommendation, please to DDCI re participation. (FYI: NIO/Econ knowledgeable re previous SIG and IG meetings re USG barter policy.

Executive Secretary

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Mr. William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505 Executivo Registry

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Dear Mr. Casey:

On January 17, 1984, Mr. Robert McFarlane (for the President) issued a memorandum entitled Interagency Consideration of Barter. The memorandum advised that the President has decided that the Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board (EMPB) will be the senior body to review barter proposals or policies, and that all economic and trade policy related agencies should participate in the Board's consideration of barter proposals.

The mechanism employed by the EMPB for interagency coordination and development of objectives will be an interagency working group on barter chaired by the Department of Agriculture. I have designated Daniel G. Amstutz, Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs to chair this group. In keeping with the operational guidance attached to the President's memorandum of December 17, 1981 (which established the EMPB), it is requested that your representative to the working group and your alternate hold the rank of Deputy Assistant Secretary or higher.

Your representative and alternate to the working group should also hold a security clearance of secret or higher. Please have your Department Security Officer certify in writing the level of security clearance of each representative to the Department of Agriculture Security Officer, Room 14-W, Administration Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250.

The first working group meeting will be held on Friday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 212-E of the Department's Administration Building. Accordingly, we are requesting that you advise of your interest in membership on the working group and the name of your representatives by April 4, 1984. If you do not plan to participate in this working group, that should also be indicated.

Mr. Elmer Klumpp (447-2796) will be the point of contact for the working group and will be available to answer questions. Your response to the above request may be telephoned to him; however, it should be confirmed in writing. D. Anne Martin of the EMPB Secretariat has been designated as the working group Coordinator from the EMPB. She may be reached at 287-0884.

Sincerely,

John R. Block Secretary B-223D

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